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PARIS FOR US DEL IBRD CG ON SUDAN

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SUBJ: SUDANESE DROUGHTREQUEST: DATA RE NEEDS

REF: KHARTOUM 1515

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1. SUMMARY: GOS HAS NOW PRESENTED LIST OF COMMODITIES FOR WHICH THEY REQUESTING USG AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE. WHILE LIST TOTALS ALMOST 16,000 MT TO SIX DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FROM EARLIER ESTIMATE AND IS BROKEN DOWN BY PRIORITIES AS TO AREA AND COMMODITY. US DEL PARIS MAY WISH EXPLORE DETAILS WITH GOS OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTRY FIN AND ECON HAS NOW PROVIDED DATA AS TO ITEMS AND DESTINATIONS OF REQUESTED AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE. COMMODITIES INVOLVED ARE WHEAT, WHEAT FLOUR AND SUGAR, TOTAL IN METRIC TONS IS 15,930; AND DESTINATIONS INCLUDE EL FASHER (DARFUR PROVINCE IN WEST), JUBA, WAU, EL OBEID, ROSERIS, AND KHARTOUM. TYPES OF AIRCRAFT REQUESTED IN ORDER PREFERENCE ARE C-130, DC-6 AND DC-4. DETAILS FOLLOW:

3. REQUIREMENTS BY COMMODITY: (A) WHEAT FLOUR ALL TO BE FLOWN FROM WAD MEDANI: TO EL FASHER - 500 MT; TO JUBA - 1000 MT; TO WAU - 850 MT; TO EL OBEID (FOR USE PRIMARILY IN NUBA MTS) - 1300 MT; TO ROSERIES (FOR AREAS FURTHER SOUTH ALONG ETHIOPIAN BORDER) - 800 MT. (B) SUGAR ALL TO BE FLOWN FROM PORT SUDAN: TO EL FASHER - 1700 MT; TO JUBA - 200 MT; TO WAU - 700 MT; TO EL OBEID - 1000 MT; AND TO ROSSEIRES - 380 MT. (C) WHEAT TO BE FLOWN FROM PORT SUDAN ONLY TO KHARTOUM - 7500 MT.

4. PRIORITIES: GOS BREAKS DOWN REQUEST WITH FOLLOWING PRIORITIES. AMONG AREAS IN DESCENDING ORDER FROM TOP TO LOWEST PRIORITY - EL FASHER, JUBA, WAU, EL OBEID, ROSEIRES AND KHARTOUM LAST. AMONG COMMODITIES - WHEAT FLOUR IS FIRST, SUGAR SECOND AND WHEAT (I.E., KHARTOUM AGAIN) LAST. THUS 500 TONS WHEAT FLOUR TO EL X SHER IS FIRST PRIORITY. WHETHER SUGAR TO EL FASHER COMES AHEAD OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR JUBA NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.

5. COMMENT: TONNAGE INVOLVED CLEARLY STAGGERING, BUT GOS HAS AT LEAST MADE MAJOR EFFORT DEFINE HIGHER PRIORITIES AS COMPARED TO TOTAL OF OVER 45,000 MT IN EARLIER DRAFT SEEN BY EMBOFF. IT ALSO INTERESTING NOTE THAT WEST, AS PER FONMIN'S ORIGINAL REQUEST, REMAINS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY REFLECTING UNCERTAINTIES AS TO IMPACT OF RAINS AND OTHER FACTORS IN THIS HARD HIT AREA. CHOICE OF JUBA AS SECOND PRIORITY INTERESTING SINCE TRANSPORT IN THIS CASE (RIVER STEAMER) NOT SUBJECT TO WEATHER DISRUPTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOS IN EFFECT SAYING "EXISTING TRANSPORT TO JUBA SIMPLY INADEQUATE; IF YOU CAN FLY SOME OF FOOD WE CAN USE STEAMER SPACE FOR OTHER ESSENTIALS (E.G. FUEL - SEE REFTTEL AND KHARTOUM A-50, JULY 4) WHICH ALSO IN CRITICAL SHORT SUPPLY."

6. WHILE GOS REQUEST PRESEUMABLY SUBJECT ADDITIONAL REFINEMENT, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN PROBE FURTHER PENDING NOTIFICATION RE SPECIFICS OF ADDITIONAL DATA WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

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